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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT I

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1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE I -- AN

INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN SIX ECONOMICALLY DEPRESSED PROVINCES. INCLUDES CONSTRUCTION OF 53 NEW IRRIGATION SYSTEMS SERVING 8,500 HECTARES, CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF 1,300 KMS OF BARANGAY ROADS, REHABILITATION AND IMPROVEMENT OF TWO NATIONAL PORTS AND ONE MUNICIPAL PORT, CONSTRUCTION OF 60 HEALTH STATIONS AND PROCUREMENT OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND PROCUREMENT OF DRILLING EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF 300WELLS. ALSO INCLUDES PROVISION FOR PREPARATION OF A FUTURE RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT IN TEN GOP-SELECTED PROVINCES.

2. PROJECT COST AND FINANCING: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE

ESTIMATED AT \$59 MILLION, OF WHICH \$28 MILLION IS IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE. LOAN FROM INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ASSOCIATION (IDA), APPROVED APRIL 11, WOULD FINANCE FULL FOREIGN EXCHANGE COST, WHILE GOP WOULD PROVIDE THE REMAINING \$31 MILLION FROM ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS.

3. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECT

INVOLVES A NUMBER OF NATIONAL LINE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES. THESE ARE NATIONAL IRRIGATION ADMINISTRATION (NIA), FARM SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FSDC), DEPARTMENTS OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS (DPH), PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS (DPWTC), HEALTH (DOH), LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (DLGCD) AND PHILIPPINE PORT AUTHORITY (PPA).

4. PROCUREMENT AND POTENTIAL U.S. SALES: ACCORDING TO

ENGINEER RODOLFO CASEM, PROJECT DIRECTOR, OPPORTUNITIES
FOR INTERNATIONAL SUPPLIERS LIE IN SALES OF HEAVY
EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLES FOR THE BARANGAY ROAD COMPONENT,
AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR THE RURAL
WATER SUPPLY COMPONENT. PER GOP AGREEMENT WITH IBRD,
EQUIPMENT FOR THE BARANGAY ROAD COMPONENT (WORTH \$2.5 MILLION)
WILL BE PROCURED BY THE BUREAU OF BARANGAY ROADS (BBR,DPH),
WHILE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE RURAL WATER SUPPLY
COMPONENT (\$2.22 MILLION) WILL BE PROCURED BY THE
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE BUREAU OF PUBLIC WORKS.
5. TIMETABLE: AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR EQUIPMENT AND

SUPPLIES IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 1978, FOR DELIVERY ON JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1979. HOWEVER, GOP HAS TO SUBMIT A LIST OF PREQUALIFIED SUPPLIERS TO IBRD BY APRIL 25. INTERESTED SUPPLIERS SHOULD CONTACT UNCLASSIFIED

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MR. CASEM AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BEFORE SUCH DATE:

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